

## Social and Personal

THE engagement is announced of Miss Kate Meredith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Meredith, to Max Lowell Talbot, of Brookline, Massachusetts. The wedding will take place in Easter week. Supper at Hermitage.

A delightful supper party and informal dance afterwards was given Mr. and Mrs. Pope Nash, of Westhampton, at the Hermitage on Thursday evening. The club was decorated in red and green. Covers were laid for thirty guests, and included the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Nash.

In honor of Mrs. Butterick. Mrs. John H. Wright, of Baltimore, gave a handsomely arranged luncheon Friday afternoon for Mrs. Butterick, of Richmond. The table was decorated with pink roses and white hyacinths, and the lights were shaded in pink and silver. The guests were: Mrs. Charles Morton Stewart, Jr., Mrs. Douglas Huntley Gordon, Mrs. Thomas H. Bowles, Mrs. Alexander Gordon, Jr., Mrs. John Guinan Layell, Mrs. Basil Gildersleeve, Mrs. Gustav Lurnan Stewart, Mrs. Henry Seckel Jenkins, Mrs. C. Graham Archer, Mrs. Loring A. Cover, Mrs. B. Frank Deford, Mrs. R. Lancaster Williams, Mrs. H. Fessenden Moser, and Miss Susie Hayes.

About Miss Dunham. Miss Edna Dunham, who will sing here in February, will repeat her program given in Richmond in New York City later in the month.

Meeting of Daughters of Confederacy. The regular meeting of the Richmond Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy will be held in Lee Camp Hall, on Wednesday, February 8, at 11 o'clock. Committees are requested to bring in all reports of entertainments during the month of January. Visiting daughters will be welcomed.

Bridge Party. Miss Elsie Parrish, of 924 West Franklin Street, gave an attractive bridge party Wednesday evening in honor of her house guest, Miss Olive Mangon, of New Orleans. The rooms were prettily decorated with bowls of pink roses.

The guests included Misses Manson, Virgil Tyler, Mary Scarborough, Jellis Scott, Katherine Robinson, Frances Wheat, Edith Donnan, John Ellett, Travis Epps, John Parrish, Willie Grigg, W. S. Weddell, Albert Tanner, George Harrison and Maurice Langhorne.

At the Jefferson. Mrs. Garnett Andrews, of Chattanooga, is spending some time at the Jefferson.

Visiting Mrs. Allen. Mrs. Charles L. Holland, of Danville, is the house guest of Mrs. William B. Allen, at 2997 Monument Avenue.

Bowles-Wilkinson. The wedding of Miss Margaret Lillian Wilkinson, daughter of Mrs. B. B. Wilkinson, to Bowman B. Bowles, of Richmond, was celebrated January 26, in Washington, D. C., at the home

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of the officiating clergyman. They were accompanied to Washington by the bride's sister, Miss Mamie Wilkin- son, and the groom's best man, H. F. Bernhard. Mr. and Mrs. Bowles are now taking a Northern trip. When they return they will live at 1921 Floyd Avenue, this city.

Piano Recital. A piano recital was given on Wed- nesday by pupils of Miss Nannie Davis, at her studio, 617 West Grace Street. Selections were played from Bach, Mendelssohn, Spindler, Kuhlman, Liech- tenhain, Schumann, Bronzart, Gullit, Griitnacker.

Those taking part were: Eunice West, Cella M. Linn, Anne Powers, Bessie Moon, Ellen Goodwin, Louise Powers, Margarita Domenech, Made- rone Bieger, Elizabeth Tompkins, Bes- sie Whitely.

Rehearsal for the Valentine Party. The children dancing the minuet in the Valentine Party are requested to meet Miss Ella Hinford in the Jefferson auditorium at half-past 5 this after- noon.

Richmond Education Association. There will be a meeting of execu- tive committee of the Richmond Educa- tion Association on Wednesday after- noon at 4:15 o'clock in the John Marshall High School, Room 115.

Evening With Burns. Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock, in 504 East Grace Street, an "Evening with Burns" will be given by the Wo- men's Home Missionary Society of Central Methodist Church.

Dr. H. D. C. MacLachlan will lecture, Scotch ballads will be sung and re- freshments served.

In and Out of Town. After a two months' sojourn at the Memorial Hospital, Captain Charles M. Wesson is completely restored to health.

Mrs. Sigmund Josephthal, who has been on a several weeks' visit to relatives in Northern, N. C., has returned to Richmond and is at Gresham Court.

Miss Peck, of Wilmington, N. C., is the guest of Mrs. Austin H. Burr, on Monument Avenue.

Miss Bessie Garthright is visiting friends in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. James O'Connor, of West Point, were recent visitors in the city.

Miss Mary Stuart Cooke has returned to her home in Roanoke, after a visit of several weeks to Miss Glenn, in New York.

Mrs. Jennie B. Minor has returned to Norfolk, after visiting friends here.

Charles E. Stein, of Lynchburg, is in Richmond on business.

Rev. H. H. Barber, who has been in the city for several days, has returned to his home in Fredericksburg.

Mrs. Lucy Butterick is visiting her sister, Mrs. John H. Wright, in Bal- timore.

Mrs. George Washington, who has been spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. W. Chase Morton, has been called to her home in Charleston, W. Va., by the illness of her father, Colonel Porterfield.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rupp, Jr., of Gresham Court, left last week for a six weeks' trip to Florida and Cuba.

Mrs. A. Beirne Blair and daughter are spending some time in New York.

## Ashland News Notes

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Ashland, Va., February 5.—Joseph Norfield, of Florida, was the guest of Rev. Dr. Leitch.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Hutchings, who were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bridges, left on Wednesday for Saratoga Lake, N. Y., to spend February and March.

Misses Louise Crump, of Richmond, and Strader, of Lynchburg, were guests of Miss Louise Miller on Friday.

Mrs. H. S. Ladew, Hill Carter, Jr., and H. H. Carter, of Baltimore, in honor of the Misses Goodwin on Tues- day from 2 to 6 o'clock.

Miss Richardson, of South Boston, is visiting Mrs. Helen Hendrick.

Mrs. Leslie Ellis and little Miss Ellis have gone to California to visit relatives.

Mrs. Charles, of Charlottesville, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. T. M. Jones.

The subscription dance on Friday night at the auditorium was a deli- cious affair. Music was furnished by a Richmond orchestra. The chapters were: Mesdames Potts, Riddick, Carr, Page, McDonald, Ward and Baldwin, and the dances were, Misses Strother, Lynchburg; Ware, of Port Royal; Crenshaw, of York; and Camp, Rich- mond; Hazzardson, of South Boston; Garth, of Charlottesville; Scott, of Radford; Page, Nixon, May Baldwin, Campbell, Potts, Riddick, Carr, Anne Hurley, Elise Caldwell, Annie Macon Potts, Alice Howison, Emma Lee Priddy, Louise Ware, Imogene Riddick, Grace Perry, Conde Bridges, Augusta Nixon, Berkeley Rowe, Stan- ley Blanton, Hunter, Peatross, Floyd Tucker, Lewis Blanton, Hamilton Campbell, Parker, Turner, Moffat, Young, Worsham, Woolfolk, Wright, Fane, Cox, Hazzard, Priddy, Battle, White, Scriver, Hite, Pittsburgh White, Noel, Bane, Blum, Ellis, Caldwell, Bosman, Dawson and Tatum.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Grey gave a delightful card party on Friday night. "Hearts" was played. Among those invited were Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. W. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. George Morris, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Gullib, Mesdames E. M. Wright, Maury, Alfred Grey, of Richmond; Messrs. Scott, Chenery, Dossvelt, Ellis, J. H. Chenery and Clark, of Richmond.

ATTEMPTS TO END LIFE.

Portsmouth Man Shoots Himself Below the Heart.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Norfolk, Va., February 5.—Robert E. Shaugnessy, aged twenty-three, of Portsmouth, attempted to commit sui- cide last night, shooting himself be- low the heart. He is in a critical con- dition at the King's Daughters Hospi- tal. Mental depression, following a domestic row, is said to have been the cause. The young man made the at- tempt on his life in the rear of a cigar store on First Street.

## Among the Books

"Publications are only worthy when they are not mechanical, but human."

"The Wilderness Trail." By Charles A. Hanna. G. P. Putnam and Sons, of New York and London. \$10 net.

This valuable work contains an ac- count of "the ventures and adventures of the Pennsylvania traders on the Allegheny path, with some new annals of the old West, and the records of some strong men and some bad ones." There are two volumes, and the edition is limited to 1,000 copies, each volume being numerous and splendidly il- lustrated with pictures and maps. The volumes claim to demonstrate the truth, "that ancient civilization was spread among barbarians by the trader and the soldier, that modern civiliza- tion has been made known to the far nations by the trader, the soldier and the missionary, and that future civilization will be carried to the ends of the earth by the trader alone."

"The sixty-year period of which this book mainly treats," says the author in his introduction, "may be called the growing age of the American colonies. It extended from 1672, when white men, twelve New York traders, led by Arnold Vele, seemed to have reached the Ohio Valley, to 1732, when five of George Croghan's traders were captured by the French Indians at the siege of Pickawillany. The hundred years which followed between England and France merely served to establish the British claim to the Ohio country, a country which had in this period been virtually won by the Pennsylvanians."

"In these days of quickened political morality, it is interesting to note, as the following pages incidentally show, that during and for some years after this growing time, nearly all the promi- nent figures in early American political history, including William Penn and his sons, Washington, Franklin, most of the Colonial Governors, and all the politicians, were engaged in land or merchandise trading operations on a large scale, and that their efforts to push these operations to success were chiefly responsible for the re-

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at once showed "the mettle of his pas- ture" and sustained the reputation of his ancestry from first to last of his racing career.

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The descriptions of the races, in which Hal Pointer is always ahead at the finish, are thrilling in the extreme. The book is redolent of an atmosphere for which the middle basin of Tennes- see is famous and most attractive, an atmosphere produced by the finest horses and people in the world.

"When God Laughs." By Jack London. The Macmillan Company, of New York. \$1.50.

Jack London is known throughout the literary world for his strong individ- uality, that imparts to whatever he writes, freshness and vitality which immediately attract attention, whether the reader indorses the author's views or not.

His new book is a volume of short stories, the initial story furnishing a title that is a part of Jack London's uniqueness, and is born of his idea that God laughs to scorn the other efforts of humanity to set aside laws which are made to be kept, and not to be broken.

The stories in the book cover a wide range, but they are all interesting. Many of them are love stories, depart- ing from the serious purpose that often runs through Jack London's writing, to take up the more personal and ro- mantic phase of life. One of the most delightful of these is called "A Wicked Woman," one of the most pitiful is called "The Apostate."

Each has a merit of its own, and the book sustains admirably Jack Lon- don's claim to mastery in the art of short story writing.

"Colonel Todhunter of Missouri." By Ripley D. Saunders. The Bobbs- Merrill Company, of Indianapolis. \$1.50.

The appeal of "Colonel Todhunter of Missouri" lies in its delightful charac- ter drawing, particularly that of the colonel; in its picturesque local color, which has also the charm of novelty.

Since Missouri is less exploited in fic- tion, perhaps, than any of the other Southern States, in its good dialogue, its pervasive humor, and, above all, in its humanness. The colonel's wit, philo- sophy and shrewdness are always ad- equate, and his whole-hearted affection, loyalty, his genuine- ness are irresistible.

The vernacular, atmosphere, types and politics of the book show that the author has studied or absorbed the environment, the conditions, the people and their daily talk to the best pos- sible purpose, and the book possesses a humor and freshness that thorough- ly recommend it.

Ripley D. Saunders, the creator of "Colonel Todhunter of Missouri," is a Mississippian by birth, though his fore- bears originally lived in Powhatan County, Va., and a veteran of the Spanish-American War, and has his present home in St. Louis.

Mr. Saunders has written one novel previous to "Colonel Todhunter of Missouri." This was "John Kenadie," the story of an Arkansas poet, published in 1902.

Woman and Socialism. By August Bebel. Socialist Literature Company, 15 Spruce Street, New York. \$1.50.

This book demonstrates the social development of woman from primeval days to the present, and shows that with the prediction of her complete emancipation in future. The work of Mr. Bebel is done with the painstaking thoroughness of the German scholar, and his arguments are so lucidly pre- sented that readers are led through a perusal of statistics to logical conclu- sions.

The book gives an instructive pic- ture of the development of human so- ciety, with woman as a determining factor.

GOSSIP AMONG THE AUTHORS.

Mr. Wistar's New Book. Quite the most welcome announce- ment of the year so far is that there is to be a new Owen Wistar book brought out by the Macmillan Company. Mr. Wistar is a leisurely literary worker. It is five years since "Lady Baltimore" delighted the American public, and ten years since "The Virginian" appeared, so it is safe to say that an eager wel- come will be given a 1911 publication by a most popular American writer.

"Wild Olive" in England. "The Wild Olive," by the author of "The Inner Shrine," is a new publi- cation in England. The escape of a prisoner wrongfully condemned to death is the basis of the story in "The Wild Olive," which has been classified in England as "an American novel" on that account.

And So Do I. At the recent bazaar in New York there was great rejoicing over the advent into suffrage ranks of William Dean Howells. Mr. Howells said the bazaar committee a copy of his latest book, "My Mark Twain," with the following fly-leaf inscription: "Mark Twain believed in woman suf- frage, and so do I. William Dean Howells." This copy of "My Mark Twain" fetched so great a price as to

be sold for \$100.

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